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13. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 12 wherein the dextrin is sulfated dextrin containing at least one sulfate group per saccharide unit.

29. (Twice Amended) A method according to Claim 23 wherein the composition remains in the body cavity for a period of up to 7 to 8 days in order to allow restoration of non-stick surfaces.

40. (Amended) A prevention kit comprising an aqueous formulation of dextrin, wherein the prevention kit is useful for surgical use for the prevention of adhesions of tissue in animals or humans.

Remarks

Claims 1-35, 37, and 39-43 are pending in the present application. Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the claims as evidenced by the Office Action mailed February 11, 2003.

Applicants hereby propose amendments wherein most of which are suggested by the Examiner. Support for the proposed amendments to the claims can be found in the originally filed claims and/or the specification. Applicants would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have the Applicants' representative, Shawna Cannon Lemon, discuss the Examiner's remaining concerns, if any, during a telephonic interview with the Examiner.

Any questions that the Examiner may have should be directed to Shawna Cannon Lemon, who may be reached at (919) 854-1400.

Version to Show Changes Made

1. (Amended) A composition for preventing or reducing the incidence of adhesions in [or associated with] a body cavity comprising an aqueous formulation containing the polysaccharide dextrin in an amount effective to prevent or reduce such adhesions, wherein the dextrin contains more than 15% of polymers with a degree of polymerization [polymerisation] (DP) greater than 12 and acts as an osmotic agent to maintain a volume of the aqueous formulation in the body cavity serving to separate tissues which otherwise may adhere to each other.